

STEAM ROLLER TALE BY MOSES RIDDLED

Even Wood Committeemen
Issue Denials and Uphold
Chairman Hays.

N. J. PARALLEL IS CITED

Republican National Body's
Actions Indorsed in Tirade
Against Senator.

By a Staff Correspondent of THE SUN AND
NEW YORK HERALD.

CHICAGO, June 5.—Vigorous denials of steam roller tactics charged last night by Senator Moses of New Hampshire, one of the opening of to-day's session of the Republican National Committee by committeemen who are in the Wood campaign.

The oratory let loose in denunciation of Senator Moses made the air blue at the Coliseum for several hours. Committee men after committee men arose and pointed with pride to the unbiased character of the committee's decisions. Col. H. B. McCoy of the Philippines declared himself a Wood man and said he would continue to be for Wood, but would not stand sponsor for Senator Moses's steam roller charges. "I will be with Wood all the way through," he declared, "but I want to say now that the vote of this committee on contests has been based absolutely on its sincere judgment of the rights and merits of the cases. It has not been tinged by any personal preference as to candidates. There is no basis for Senator Moses's statement. It is unwarranted and is his own personal opinion, not that of either Wood or Procter."

Okla. man Defends Hays.

James J. McGraw, committeeman of Oklahoma, arose to defend Chairman Hays. "I think Senator Moses's statement," he declared, "was a direct insult to this committee and to the Republican party when he said that Mr. Hays was conveniently absent from the chair. As far as my case from Oklahoma is concerned, I feel the action of the committee was sincere. No Republican in

the United States questions for a moment Chairman Hays's integrity, impartiality or fair dealing in behalf of the Republican party. [Applause loud, long and prolonged.]

"So far as this committee is concerned, I want to say I left one contest before you, but that is a purely personal matter. I feel that if you gentlemen had thought I was entitled to that contest it would have given it to me. I feel that you voted in accordance with your best judgment, drawn from the evidence as produced before you."

Hamilton P. Keen, committeeman of New Jersey, remarked: "I merely rise to make an observation: Senator Moses came to the state of New Jersey some time ago and, according to the public present, in a speech he said 'Wood must be a great man because his friends have made so many mistakes' and I agree with the Senator quite heartily."

Laughter. "Mr. Chairman, as one of the members of this committee who has been 'licked' on almost every vote that has been cast, I want to take this occasion to say that no article written by anybody which could be construed in any way whatsoever to impute improper motives to our able and illustrious chairman could ever have my sanction. I want to say it has been my experience on this committee from the time our chairman enthusiastically began to discharge the duties of the office up to the present that he does not need and defense whatsoever for any of his actions."

Laughter and applause. "I want to say further that while I think this committee has been wrong in several of its votes, yet I do not believe there has been any evidence of any sinister motive whatever in any vote that has been cast. It is simply a case that in my view sometimes the majority of this committee have not had as good judgment as I have had."

Laughter and applause.

Committeeman Hynicka of Ohio observed: "Mr. Chairman, I have had the secretary look over our records and he finds that there has been a division or roll call in only five cases that have come before the committee. In all the other cases the committee was unanimous without a dissenting vote. Of the five cases involved the vote in two cases was a little close, while in the three others it might as well have been unanimous. And even in the contested cases after the roll call vote was taken the minority of the committee submitted to the views of the majority, and the decision of the committee then became unanimous. So that in our report to the convention we will be unanimous on all our findings, at least on those cases so far considered."

"I do not see where we should come in for any criticism from an outsider, and especially from a man who has not heard any of the cases—and who, I am informed, would not be in a condition to

consider the cases if here. It seems to me, gentlemen, that we are in the position of the lone jurymen—a timeworn story—who hung out and reported that there were eleven mighty stubborn men on the jury."

Laughter. Then on motion of Committeeman Herbert Parsons of New York Secretary C. B. Miller read the committee's official record to show that final action on the Georgia district cases was taken unanimously in every instance. Senator Moses's cry of steam roller methods was raised after the National Committee had added seven votes to Wood's convention strength and caused Wood a net loss of fifty-five delegate votes.

Mr. Moses declared the Hays machine is doing what the Penrose-Barnes-Crane machine did in 1912, sending illegal delegates, who in turn will illegally organize the Republican convention, which immediately will name a candidate for President.

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"treason" to describe the actions of the committee.

Senator Moses, who is one of the Republican leaders supporting Wood, characterized as "high handed usurpation" the action of the committee in handing Lowden a net gain of eighty-two convention votes, taking sixty-nine of them from Wood. He said the effort of the committee, apparently, has been to neutralize the expression of the Republican voters' choice in the popular primary and endeavor to put over a comparatively unpopular candidate.

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CHICAGO, June 5.—Reporting on his inquiry among Republican Presidential candidates, Virgil G. Hinshaw, chairman of the Prohibition party, said tonight that most of them were "pussy-footing" on the prohibition issue. It was Theodore Roosevelt who used the words "stolen delegates" in 1912 to characterize this procedure. On that ground he bolted and organized the Progressive party. Mr. Roosevelt used the words "stolen," "stolen," "stolen" and

HARD BOILED TRUTH MAKES CHICAGO DRY

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Mirages of Mind.

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CHICAGO, June 5.—Now as to the question of the great dryness. It has descended on this convention, and it makes a national convention a pathetically different affair than in the old days. The wise boys know that a national convention always was about 45 per cent. sociability for 55 per cent. of the folk who went. Persons who maintained purely nominal relations with the demon rum for three years and fifty-one weeks because of bad livers, consti-

tutional prejudices or the superimposed acidity of the home environment made it a rule to fall off for the week of the national convention and have a whale of a time with their old friends in the convention crowd.

These convention friendships, too, are in a class by themselves. Old pals of 1896, who never have met except in the lobbies of a convention and who never exchanged letters, meet here on the basis of an intimacy as fixed as that which dates to the old swimming hole in the native town. Ancients, whose reminiscences date to the Blaine-Harrison fight at Minneapolis in 1892, recall their memories of that and earlier scraps and have a wonderful time, but if you would pry two of these cronies apart and ask one of them whether the other was married, or what town he lived in, you would draw a blank. Maine meets his old friend Arizona once in four years, and they enjoy it and expect it and forget each other meanwhile.

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